

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3-4, 7, 8, 15, 18, 19, 24, 30, 44, 46 and 48-53 to overcome the section 112 rejections, to overcome any indefiniteness and to place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant gratefully appreciates the kind assistance provided to it by the Examiner in a telephone conference held on June 12, 2009. Applicant has incorporated all of the changes suggested and believes that, as a result, the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

The limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated in claim 1 and claim 2 has been cancelled. As presently amended, Applicant avers that the combinations of references suggested by the Office Action do not make the present invention obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art and that the claims as amended are in allowable condition.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's review of its arguments in the previous response and his instruction regarding inclusion of the features argued within Applicant's claims. The claims have now been amended to more clearly show the features that Applicant argues differentiate its invention from the cited references, either alone or in combination. Applicant believes that its previous remarks will be now better received as a result of these amendments and requests that the arguments be revisited. Applicant incorporates those remarks herein as if set forth in full herein.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Applicant encloses herewith a petition for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action and a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite information through which the fees for the petition and the RCE can be charged to deposit account No. 23-0920. It is believed that no other fee is needed with respect to this response, however, should it be determined that any fees are necessary the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Further, should any petition be required with respect to this reply

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and amendment, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to treat this paper as the necessary petition or petitions and to charge the petition fee(s) to the above noted deposit account.

Respectfully submitted


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